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I. Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the following paragraphs as follows.

[0022] Referring to Figures 3 and ~~4~~ 5 the vehicle wheel assembly **18** can move up and down between a high point, ~~shown in Figure 3~~, and a low point, as shown in Figure 4. As the second end **16** of the connector rod **10** moves between the high point and the low point, the connector rod **10** must pivot radially about the first end **12** that is fixed with relation to the vehicle. The range of movement is typically on the order of approximately 60 degrees as shown at **21**.

[0024] Referring to Figures 6 through 9, the second end **16** of the connector rod **10** is mounted pivotally to the vehicle wheel assembly **18**. The vehicle wheel assembly **18** preferably includes a pivotal wheel hub **26** for supporting a wheel (not shown) **28**, a knuckle **30** mounted to the wheel hub **26**, and a pivot arm **32** extending outward from the knuckle **30**. The pivot arm **32** preferably extends outward from the knuckle **30** so that the end of the pivot arm **32** is located away from the pivot point of the wheel assembly **18**. Therefore, when the end of the pivot arm **32** is moved, the wheel assembly **18** pivots. The second end **16** of the connector rod **10** is pivotally mounted to the end of the pivot arm **32** to transfer motion of the steering mechanism **14** through the connector rod **10** to cause the wheel assembly **18** to pivot, thereby turning the vehicle.

[0028] Referring to Figures 10 and 11, rather than having a flexible shaft portion **20**, the first end **12a** of the connector rod **10a** can alternatively be

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mounted to allow total pivotal freedom in the vertical plane as well as allowing limited pivotal movement in the horizontal plane. In this second embodiment the first end 12a includes an aperture 22a extending through the connector rod 10a for receiving a corresponding support pin 24a that is mounted to the vehicle steering mechanism 14a. The pin 24a is oriented orthogonal to the connector rod 10a such that when the connector rod 10a is mounted to the support pin 24a, the connector rod 10a can pivot vertically about the support pin 24a.